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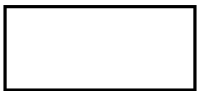
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: New Senior Seminar

1. Colonel White called Mr. Cunningham and me to talk about the proposed new Agency Senior Seminar. He had discussed the subject with the Director following the last Deputies' meeting discussion. The Director was not completely sold on the validity of the course and limited his approval to a single running, upon completion of which a very hard review and evaluation will be accomplished. The Director was also not completely happy with the three-month duration, believing that this involved a very heavy drain on senior Agency officials' time. He "worried" the question of whether the problem of training is becoming a way of life and the time taken from senior officials as they are called upon to speak to such a course. Colonel White stressed the importance of putting together a first class program for the first running of the new Senior Seminar.

2. Colonel White suggested to Mr. Cunningham that the Director's remarks indicated the desirability of conducting an overall review to insure that we are not presenting repetitively various courses merely because they have been on the schedule traditionally.

3. Mr. Cunningham stated that he was not surprised at the Director's action since it fit with some of the sentiments he expressed to the Midcareer students last Friday. At that time his remarks included a reference to a statement of his own father that "education is the most selfish of occupations".

  
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